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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0142

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RUMORED FURTHER REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENTS

REF: ASMARA 139

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM INFORMANT WHO IS IN WELL PLACED POSITION BUT WHO IS UNTESTED IN RELIABILITY. ACCORDING TO THIS INFORMANT, ELEMENTS OF AIR FORCE, HEADED BY CHIEF OF STAFF MAJOR GENERAL ABERRA, ALONG WITH ELEMENTS OF 4TH DIVISION, ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITIES OF UTILIZING UNSTABLE SITUATION IN POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO OVER-THROW EMPEROR HIMSELF. INFORMANT STATES EMPEROR NOW IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE RADIO ADDRESS TO NATION AT 2000 HOURS LOCAL (1700Z) THIS EVENING. INFORMANT CLAIMS AIR FORCE ELEMENTS ALONG WITH 4TH DIVISION AND POSSIBLY BODY GUARD DIVISION MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE EMPEROR TO ABDICATE AND ENTER INTO VOLUNTARY EXILE. INFORMANT CLAIMS ALL AIRCRAFT OF SECOND AIR GROUP HAVE ALREADY BEEN FLOWN FROM ASMARA TO DEBRE ZEIT. WE ARE CHECKING ON THIS.
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HE ALSO CLAIMS SOME OFFICERS BOTH AT ADDIS ABABA AND ASMARA ARE

BEING OR SOON WILL BE RE-ARRESTED, AND THAT VARIOUS MEMBERS OF
CHURCH AND NOBILITY ARE EITHER UNDER SURVEILLANCE OR HOUSE ARREST.

2. AS INDICATED ABOVE, RELIABILITY OF INFORMANT IS NOT KNOWN
BUT HE IS IN POSITION TO BE WELL INFORMED ON CURRENT EVENTS,
AND ABOVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED FOR WHATEVER, IF ANYTHING,
IT MAY BE WORTH.

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